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Trust seeks power to set budgets, levy taxes

By DUNCAN MacDONNELL

Local taxpayers would cover the bulk of the cost of operating the Islands Trust if a plan proposed by trustees is accepted by the municipal affairs ministry.

Meeting as a council last weekend on Hornby Island, trustees voted unanimously to ask the ministry for authority to set its

own budget, and to cover most of the budgeted amount through an increased local tax levy.

Trustees also voted to ask that the ministry consider providing the Trust with the same planning and transitional grants available to municipalities and regional districts.

At present, the financial sup-

port islanders give to the Trust amounts to \$17 per \$100,000 of assessed property value. The tax levy raises approximately one-half of the total cost of operating the Trust, with the other half being contributed by the municipal affairs ministry through dollars and provision of staff and services.

Trustees have expressed concern over the present arrangement, noting that the degree of funding and staff resources given to the Trust is not enough to cover a bare-bones operation, let alone the expanded level of services they say islanders expect from the body.

Saturna Island trustee Jim

Campbell promoted debate on the funding question by saying that if the Trust requires an expanded budget to meet the demands of islanders, then islanders should be prepared to cover the cost.

"If Gulf Islanders are so passionately in support of the Trust



Curiosity

Four-year-old Tyler Laitinan checks out the puppet stage during play period at the Community Centre pre-school. The stage is just one of many toys, costumes,

books and crafts enjoyed by the pre-school children. The pre-school is open to three- and four-year-olds, who attend on different days throughout the week.

Farm tax status change questioned by islanders

The government is "rethinking" its proposed policy on changes to tax laws for farmers, Finance Minister Mel Couvelier told about 50 people who gathered last Saturday at the Farmers' Institute in Ganges.

The public forum gave islanders the chance to question the government's proposal, and to express concerns over the effect such changes might have on farming. Under present tax laws, a farm must make \$1,600 to receive farm status and benefits. The ministry of finance's proposal would apparently see the minimum amount hiked to \$5,000.

"We're still grappling with what we should raise it to," Couvelier said. "We do not have a fixed position."

Under current tax laws, farm tax status falls into three categories. Farms which are two acres or less in size must bring in \$1,600 of revenue annually, and the income must be the greater part of the owner's livelihood. For

farms between two and 10 acres, farm production must exceed \$1,600 in one of two years. Farms over 10 acres must make the same amount, plus five per cent of the assessed value of the land over 10 acres.

Couvelier said the laws are being abused, and legitimate farmers are being stereotyped as receivers of tax giveaways.

"We want to raise the level up, so we are not caught in the position of supplementing small farms," he said.

Island farmers maintained, however, that while a small increase might be appropriate, the social benefits of farming far exceeds the tax benefits.

Couvelier charged that present laws allow a "tax haven" for professionals in urban centres, who want to avoid taxation. He suggested up to 50 per cent of those claiming the tax breaks in Greater Victoria and Vancouver

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Park encroachment worries commission

The Salt Spring Park and Recreation Commission said Monday it will take whatever action it deems necessary to protect Peter Arnell Park from "illicit intrusion."

The motion was prompted by several cases of encroachment onto park property last week by a logging company taking trees from the adjoining Stewart Road property being developed by islander Murray Cyprus.

After receiving complaints from nearby residents, several commission members surveyed the park area. They discovered a bulldozer had pushed through an overgrown park logging road, and encroached on an area to avoid damaging a pond on their land.

Monday's meeting was told that a subsequent meeting with Cyprus resulted in the developer making a verbal offer to donate a cliff area of his property to the commission as an extension of Peter Arnell Park. The commis-

sion agreed the piece of land, described as an excellent viewpoint, would be a welcome addition to the park.

The meeting was also told that Cyprus made a further offer to use his equipment to remove small alders and open up an area for parking. Commission chairman Phil Hume acknowledged a "certain attraction" in the offer. He noted parking is a problem in that area.

"But we made it very plain to him," access committee chairman John Woodward said, "that there would be no further use or encroachment of the park."

The next morning, however, the commission received reports of further encroachment. According to Woodward, an investigation showed an "alarming" bulldozed passage through another corner of the park.

Woodward said Cyprus denied knowing about the encroachment,

Tree-cutting provisions define area, limitations

A proposed bylaw to control tree-cutting was presented to a public meeting on Salt Spring last night (Tuesday).

The meeting, held after *Driftwood* went to press, was called by the Islands Trust to explain the provisions of bylaw 199 — "a bylaw to designate land on Salt Spring Island as tree-cutting permit areas."

The proposed bylaw notes that Section 978(1) of the Municipal Act gives the Trust authority "to designate areas it considers may be subject to flooding, erosion, land slip or avalanche" as tree-cutting permit areas.

It adds that the Trust considers tree-cutting "in certain areas" of the island "may endanger the physical environment through accelerated erosion," and that its reading of the Municipal Act gives the Trust the power to require landowners in those areas to obtain permits before cutting trees.

The bylaw designates all lands zoned as forest and uplands —

the former MacMillan-Boedel properties — as tree-cutting permit areas and outlines the following prohibitions against cutting:

- no trees shall be cut on those portions of the designated land, the slope of which exceeds 50 degrees;
- no trees shall be cut on the portions of the designated land within the watersheds of Maxwell Lake and Weston Lake; and
- no trees shall be cut on the portions of land within 50 feet of a natural watercourse.

The bylaw also provides that any application for tree-cutting on slopes exceeding 30 degrees must be accompanied by a report from a professional forester certifying "that any erosion resulting from tree-cutting will not affect the capacity of the land to regenerate tree growth, and that any erosion will not affect lower elevation watercourses."

Lands classified by the tax assessor as managed forest land

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Keeping time

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are lawyers, doctors and professional businessmen.

"A part of me wants to say *does it matter?*," noted one individual. These professionals, she said, are still buying fencing supplies, and paying people to clean out barns.

As another person pointed out, raising the amount of income necessary for tax breaks will not stop professionals from obtaining them. People who have the money to pour into their farms can easily increase the amount of income their farms make, he said.

"It's the small homestead that loses," he said, "because it doesn't have the money to pour

Farm tax change challenged

back in."

As it is, others pointed out, farms generate a great deal of money in the community. Most island farms are subsidized by another profession, whether it be teaching or government work. The larger farms are subsidized through capital financing from off-island sources, and money invested here is spent here.

One individual noted that farmers are spending money now, but if it becomes too difficult, they will not be prepared to spend their income. The temptation will

be to "sell, subdivide and go to California or Hawaii for six months."

"There should be some incentive for those caring for the land," was another comment from the floor. "There should be a reward for keeping the land in shape."

As well as subsidizing their farms, farmers are ultimately aiding the consumer, who benefits when the local product is sold at a lower price than the imported product, Couvelier was told.

"Who would spend money on

any scale, to work for so little return? Who else works like we work?" a farmer questioned.

The audience also told the minister the proposed tax changes would discourage people from operating small farms. To raise \$5,000 a small landowner would have to run 35 ewes or 12 cows. "Particularly on land here, that can't be done on 10 acres."

Local zoning bylaws cause further difficulty, it was pointed out. Owners of land locked into the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) have a responsibility to

farm the land. These lands cannot be rezoned, and yet should the tax laws change dramatically, they might not be farmed, either.

"One branch (of government) says we must farm, while another says if you can't meet the taxes ..."

"The laws are not saying you have to farm," Couvelier responded. "They are just saying you can't do anything else."

Couvelier went on to say that each segment of the system, including the ministry of finance, has a responsibility to work independently. He said farmers are not being leaned on.

"You are not going to convince me that farmers in B.C. are overtaxed as far as property assessments go," he said.

Tree-cutting bylaw provisions would apply to former MB lands

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would be unaffected by the proposed bylaw.

Islands Trustee Pat Byrne presented the bylaw to last weekend's Trust Council meeting on Hornby Island. He explained that the bylaw was drafted by the Trust and reviewed by the provincial Attorney-General's department, which declared it to be legal.

Trust manager Cynthia Hawksworth added that while she expects the bylaw may be challenged in a court of law, the Trust can present evidence to show its designation of the lands as tree-cutting permit areas is not discriminatory.

She explained that the basis for the designations is a technical report prepared several years ago for the Trust which shows areas on Salt Spring which are susceptible to erosion. "That study would be the evidence we would submit."

Hawksworth noted that because the section of the Municipal Act being cited as the basis for the bylaw "is not used very much," a court of law could be expected to look closely at the reasons some lands were designated as permit areas.

Byrne added that some consultation will be needed with staff at the provincial ministry of forests to look at any and all criteria that might apply.

On another front, the Trust Council meeting was told that a standing committee of representatives from several provincial ministries — i.e., forests, tourism and environment — has agreed to examine logging practices on the Gulf Islands. The deputy minister of municipal affairs agreed last

week to take the matter to the committee, after being requested to do so by the Trust.

Trust chairman Nick Gilbert told *Driftwood* last week he made the request because while several ministries have a degree of interest in the issue, there is no clear definition of which ministry

has jurisdiction.

A spokesman for the ministry of forests, for instance, told *Driftwood* that his office has no authority over tree-cutting on privately-owned lands and that any Trust control exercised over such lands would have to stem from the Municipal Act.

Upland and Forest zone rules outline density transfer option

The Islands Trust is using the Upland and Forest zone provisions in the Official Community Plan as its basis for discussion of development of the former MB lands.

The zoning classification, inserted into the community plan in early 1986, applies to the MB lands and calls for development of those properties to be governed by a comprehensive development plan "arrived at through co-operative negotiation between the Trust and the developer."

The bylaw says development plans should include consideration of the following objectives:

- preservation of watersheds used for domestic water supply (including groundwater);
- preservation of other environmentally-sensitive lands;
- provision of public outdoor recreational opportunities, especially hiking trails and viewpoints;
- maintenance of a productive forest on lands left undeveloped; and
- clustering of permitted residential development where soil conditions, water supply availability and road access are most suitable.

In return for a "sensitive development plan," the bylaw permits consideration of bonus densities "if the carrying capacity allows it."

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Ross, I really
don't know!



to be frank

Look at them bones!

There's a heap of bones in a kipper. There are more bones than mouthfuls of meat. But because my daddy was afflicted with ptomaine poisoning before the first war I was always instructed to avoid the bones in a kipper.

My father was hospitalized and duly discharged, cured of the dread ptomaine poisoning but partially paralyzed. He never did recover the full use of his feet and he no longer ran or took part in sport. But he was warned by his medical advisers to abstain from tomato skin, apple skin or any other fruit skin or peel. He might never again eat a pip, albeit apple, pear or peanut. There was a long list of strictures, including kipper bones.

So, now I am in a tough spot. Could I have eaten those bones all my life? Does a normal fellow, not falling heir to such advice, die of kipper bone poisoning? I've never actually heard of such a case. Maybe I should eat a kipper like a bear eats honey, ignoring the prickles that accompany both delicacies.

But I'd surely miss the pleasure of sitting to a kipper and tearing it apart with my bear hands, dodging the bones I can see and chewing away those that hide themselves to the last!

In my dishwasher!

Kipper bones are maybe just what you want to eat, but don't stick them in the dishwasher. I've had more trouble with fish bones than anything else in the dishwasher. They're small enough to travel into almost every crevice and stay there.

They don't cut down the water flow to any degree. They stop other little bits of rubbish from the dishes and, before you know it, there's a plugged line because of that stupid little fishbone.

New car lot!

So the British Rover Group is for sale. Last week an offer to negotiate the purchase of the 50,000-worker multi-million dollar car maker has had the whole nation debating the future of the tail race of the vast corporation. Mind you, if you want to get into the bidding, don't forget that it's been taxpayers' money that has kept the company afloat for some time. It has taken three billion pounds out of the taxpayer's pocket. That's about \$6 billion in our money. Keep up the government flow and anyone would buy it.

It has been a British politician's nightmare, this business of keeping a sinking corporation afloat in the vast staff whose jobs are out of the flow if the plant shuts down.

The practice is dangerously close to the Las Vegas dream; keep on betting and you're sure to win. If the gamble works out, the operation floats away. If it

wasn't a winner and the same thing occurs all over again, the new decision is a re-run of the last.

That's not English!

The announcers all call it cabbie. Is it gabble? Or is it Ka-bull, like they taught me years ago.

More than half a century ago I used to read a penny dreadful, already up to two pennies. It was, I think, *The Wizard*. One of the stories in the somewhat pulpy product was titled *The Wolf of Kabul*. I never read it as Kabble. It was, then, accepted as Ka-bull.

The Wolf never mentioned it. I remember the somewhat racist story used to feature the Wolf's right-hand man, an Afghanistan whose name eludes me, but who fought with his "clicky-ba", or "cricket bat".

Both the Columbia Viking and the Americana give my traditional pronunciation, but it may well have changed in recent years; there as well as here.

Of course, when I read of the Wolf of Kabul I was of the age when everything had to be changed and nothing that had been handed down from the past was acceptable. I have now reached maturity whereby everything I have known all my life is sanctified by its dressing of moss and anything new is offensive. I guess I started out as a liberal conservative and now I'm a conservative liberal.

And of auto makers, again!

Thinking of automakers puts me in mind of the British engineer who was no longer able to don uniform and settle down to a good old-fashioned Second World War. So he volunteered to work for the government in any capacity that might be helpful. He was gratefully and joyously attached to the ministry of supply, that department which expedited the purchase and distribution of every kind of commodity.

It took several weeks for the three men in his new office to establish a pecking order and thereby find desks. My friend was impressed.

His first assignment was the checking of recent purchase orders.

When he encountered an order from the army in the Middle East for tool kits, he corrected it from *Ford 8* to *Ford V8*, noting that there were no eights in the desert and many V-eights.

Within days he had the order back, countersigned by Lord Perry, the top man at the motor company, and observing that if the army wanted tools for small four-cylinder vehicles they would get them. And they did.

Somewhere in the sands of the desert are undoubtedly X-number of unwanted, unsought tool kits so thoughtfully and carefully consigned to the army. The correct kits were eventually sent out after a long and pointless delay.

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Renaud named

Salt Spring Islander Ken Renaud has been named vice-president of a newly-founded, province-wide small woodlot organization.

Renaud, president of the local Woodlands Association, was named vice-president of the umbrella B.C. Woodland group, created at a recent forestry meeting at the Empress Hotel in Victoria.

"It's the beginning of a new frontier," said Renaud. The new association will provide an umbrella relationship for approximately 10 other woodland groups that have "cropped up" across the province.

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Fiscal freedom cuts both ways

Although the monetary ramifications of last weekend's decision by the Islands Trust to request fiscal autonomy from the provincial government will have a significant impact on islanders, the political implications of the proposal stand to have a far wider effect.

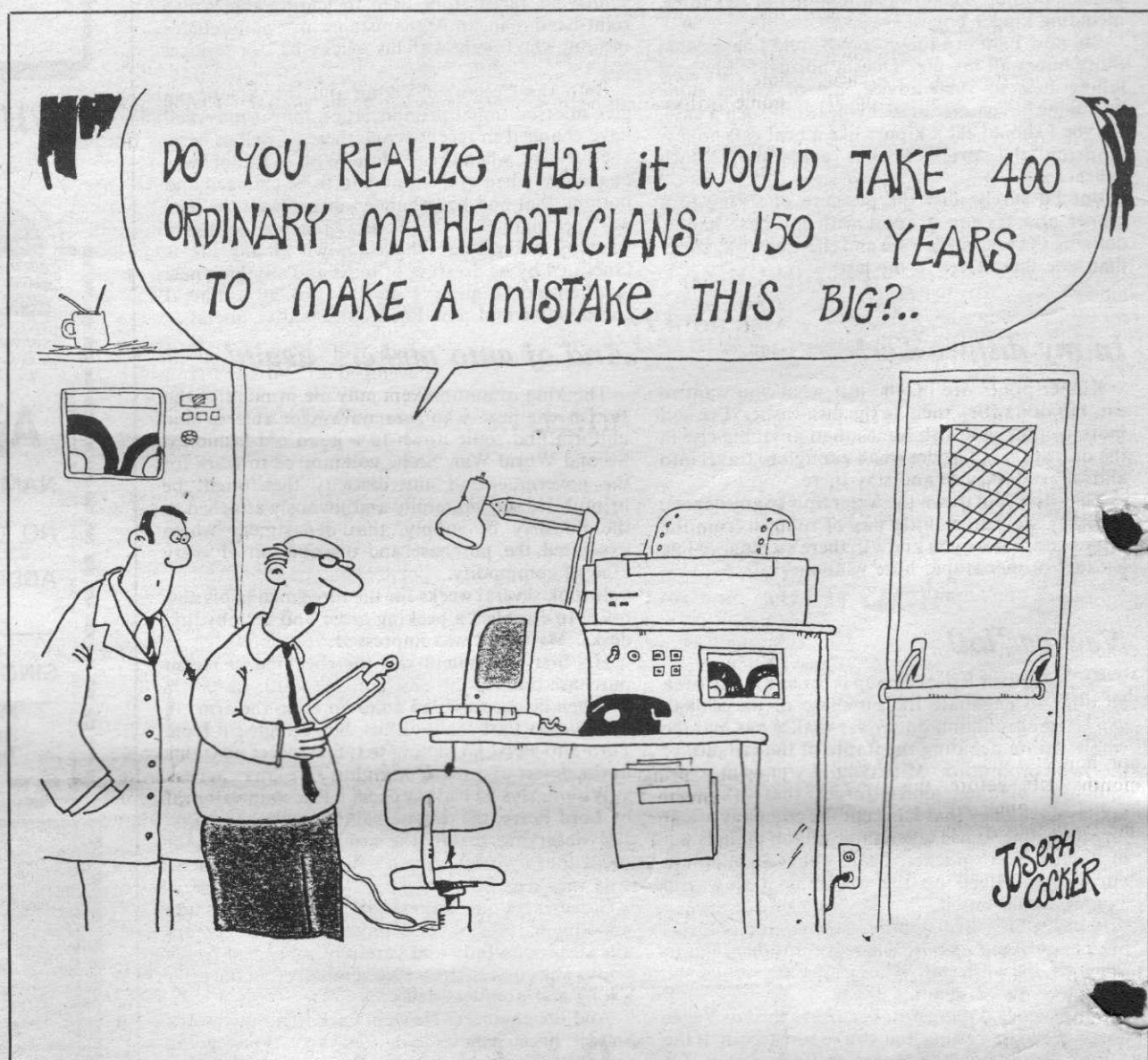
In its simplest version, the request by the Trust amounts to a bold severing of the umbilical cord that has bound it to the municipal affairs ministry, and having faith that islanders will give the Trust the financial support it would require to continue operating.

The request is less of a political gamble than it may seem, however. At hearings conducted last summer by an all-party legislative committee reviewing the Trust and its mandate, a common refrain from islanders was that they would willingly pay higher taxes for a strengthened Trust.

In strict dollars and cents, ballpark estimates are that financial autonomy for the Islands Trust would mean a three-fold increase in the current levy on island properties — from \$17 per \$100,000 of assessed value to about \$51 per \$100,000. The total raised, it is expected, would be sufficient to maintain the current level of Trust services and perhaps allow for a slight expansion.

Those figures alone should tell islanders that the Trust decision was more political than financial. While the amount budgeted to operate an autonomous Trust would remain essentially identical to the total now spent, Victoria would no longer be making up a portion of that budget and, more importantly, would no longer have a direct say in how those dollars are allocated. The Trust would be the master of its fiscal fate.

The sword cuts both ways, however. Any concerns islanders might have about a heavier tax burden to support Trust operations, or even about a Trust budget eventually expanded far beyond the current total, can be tempered by the



knowledge that the Trust request, if granted, gives it more than fiscal autonomy. It would also hand the Trust the large burden of being directly and completely accountable to local taxpayers for how much is spent, and for what.

Which is as it should be, because such a scenario promises to end, once and for all, the charge that the Trust does not function as well as it could or should, and the counter-claim that insufficient

funding and staffing levels allocated by a parsimonious provincial government are the cause of an anemic Trust.

By showing a willingness to chance placing the full financial load on islanders, and by accepting the responsibility of complete accountability on its own shoulders, the Trust is announcing its desire to move into the adult world of government agencies.

The more things go wrong, the more they're right

HORNBY ISLAND — The more things go wrong on this rock, the more they seem right. For me, anyway.

In years long since gone, this island was my getaway. At least twice a year (usually in the calm of early spring, and in the quiet of mid-winter), Hornby Island would receive my person and reduce my stress level. No visit lasted long enough, and no gap between trips was too short.

The ability of this island to soothe the soul was even more remarkable given the difficulties we often encountered during our visits. There was the winter the cabin burned (there always was something wrong with the

fireplace), the spring we got soaked sleeping on the beach, and the time we arrived to find our promised resting spot occupied by someone else.

Over the years, we battled rats in the rafters of one cabin, a gaping hole in the roof of another, serious vehicle breakdowns on back roads, and chronic cash shortages surfacing just as the last ferry for home was drawing up to the dock.

Nothing so severe happened last weekend, when I travelled to Hornby to attend the Trust Council meeting. But it was close — just close enough to remind me that some things never will, and never should, change.

my word

by

duncan macdonnell

The first portent of things to come was a sudden shift in circumstances which forced me to relocate my resting spot to the summer home of an acquaintance. Unfortunately, the building was locked up tight and the key was missing from its secret hiding spot, prompting me to refer to my handy (and musty)

break-and-enter reference guide.

One small window and a large amount of grief later, I was inside . . . only to find that the water system was not functioning, the kerosene lamps were bereft of fuel, there was no wood for the stove, no bedding was on hand, the stovepipe needed major repairs, and the rapidly-approaching night was promising high winds, low temperatures and stiff rains. Just like old times.

That all of the above difficulties were eventually eased had more to do with my faith in Hornby than in any faith in myself. And once I was safely curled up on the couch, in front of a slightly-smoking woodstove stuffed with

damp sticks and a candle flickering against the breeze coming through an open window, I remembered again what I had always known was the most magical of Hornby's traits: everything comes out alright here, if you just give it time.

A former resident of this rock once told me after spending several years on the island that there are only two things to do on Hornby: chop wood, and talk about it. To which I add a third characteristic: you can enjoy it.

Luckily enough, I will soon have another chance to prove that maxim. There is this small matter of a window in dire need of repairs . . .

Worthy

Sir,

The grad council at GISS is doing an excellent job of planning for graduation activities this year. The council has reached out for parental support and assistance, in order to make this grad a safe and significant celebration.

At a recent meeting between parents and teens, the council outlined plans for the after-grad party, asking for parent volunteers who would help. At previous after-grads, the main problems focused on "party-crashers" — young teenagers who came down to the beach to drink, the bar-crowd, and "teenagers who have never grown up" (as the grad council called them) who always seem to appear later in the evening, in a very drunken state.

This year a parent committee will be available at the access to the beach, to discourage such invasions. They will be backed by police authority. A first-aid station and telephone will be positioned on the beach, and a few adults will be requested to join the celebrations as observers, ready to lend assistance if required.

The grad council will also create a system of passes so that only their invited guests will be allowed on the beach. Busing and other transportation will be arranged. This is to be achieved at the request of the teenagers, and through the willing support of parents and community.

The question was raised concerning alcohol and drug abuse. The teenagers made it clear that they felt an alcohol-free after-grad was a worthy goal. They also felt this was something they could not hope to achieve in the four months left before this year's graduation, and proposed some interesting ideas about programs for the younger high school grades that could bring about a successful realization of this goal in years to come.

The council has already worked hard to raise the funds required for graduation ceremonies. They need assistance to raise additional funds for the after-grad. It is my hope that this community will support their endeavours. Monies may be deposited to their account at the Credit Union, by informing the teller that you would like to contribute to the after-grad fund.

If more information is required, or you would like to lend your support, please call Greg Dow, grad council president. Messages may be left for him at the high school office.
ROSALIE MILES,
Ganges.

Home births

Sir,

I was interested in Heather Martin's guest column last week and would support a movement for midwives and especially, for home births. This is largely because of my experiences in England some 20 years ago.

Most people then had their first baby in hospital and subsequent ones at home, but I was lucky enough to give birth to my first four at home. In attendance were the obstetrician and midwife who had shared my prenatal care and who would both also care for us after the birth.

In the immediate post-birth days

I was in charge of the situation rather than having to fit into a hospital's arrangements and could rest, visit and eat as I wished while integrating the new baby into the family naturally.

For the fifth birth I gave in to pressure to go into hospital and spent a rather boring and uncomfortable time submitting to unnecessary prenatal procedures and not being listened to or consulted, while my husband felt in the way. Fortunately I was discharged 12 hours after the birth.

These are only one woman's experiences, but they may be of interest to your readers. Of course, home births cannot be for all. One of my securities was in knowing that in case of trouble a "flying squad" would bring help or whisk me into hospital. For many women, though, whose pregnancies are normal and who expect no medical complications a home birth can be a wonderful experience.

MEG HODGES,
Ganges.

Commended

Sir,

Back in January, *Driftwood* published an article by myself bemoaning the sorry state of minor league baseball on Salt Spring. In the two months since then, a group of concerned and dedicated citizens has organized the Salt Spring Minor Baseball Association. Under the able leadership of Roger Chernenkoff, this group has registered well over 100 island kids (ages five to 15), who will be participating in several leagues later this spring.

The directors and executive of the Salt Spring Minor Baseball Association are to be commended for their display of energy and hard work, and for their outstanding organizational achievement. With the co-operation of parents, service clubs, elected bodies and

commercial sponsors, we all could be in for a lot of fun this coming May:

SHILO ZYLBURGOLD,
For the Salt Spring
Softball Association.

Perspective

Sir,

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Not too many years ago, the people of Salt Spring Island developed a Land Use Plan which eventually became the Official Community Plan. The object of the exercise was to classify land use, and most importantly, to distribute the selected density throughout the island. The plan contained an innovative feature, called averaging, which allows for flexibility in lot layout and lot sizes — overcoming many topographical irregularities which are inherent to our island. The general idea was to maintain, wherever possible, the rural nature of our new developments.

Our averaging concept was adopted and used by numerous Community Plans across the province. The original drafts of our Official Community Plan provided for a density of 25,000 residents, after numerous studies were undertaken which analyzed infrastructure and topographical limitations, with respect to our island's suitability for density.

A person need only refer to those original studies and plans to be able to determine that the potential of 25,000 residents would, in fact, be a conservative estimate in terms of suitability. Nonetheless, the Official Community Plan selected 15,000 residents as its starting point; "our guideline" in terms of local "land use" planning.

The Official Community Plan has been and most certainly *can be amended*. The distribution of the 15,000 residents chosen by our plan was determined by islanders for islanders.

Given then, that Salt Spring Island has a substantially higher density potential than the 15,000 residents that were distributed, one can only conclude that when the distribution of the density occurred, some suitable lands were "left wanting of density," while other lands "got their fair share of density," (and maybe more). The bottom line, of course, is that density and land use represent a

direct relationship to land value; other factors are then added or subtracted from the equation, such as timber, location, aspect, access, road frontage, view and existing infrastructure (if any), etc. The price of land and the value of land are substantially two separate items, due mostly to the vagaries of the economy in general, and the specific reasons of an individual who is either buying or selling at any particular moment.

We are writing this letter to provide those concerned residents, new and old, with our perspective, and some historical reference with regard to our attitude towards development. We accept the responsibility of our actions and we fully realize that we cannot satisfy everyone's concerns. There remain many unanswered questions with respect to the past, the present and the future of land use on Salt Spring Island. We believe the future looks bright for Salt Spring Island and we wish to thank all of the people who have helped and voiced their support for our endeavours.

MURRAY CYPRUS,
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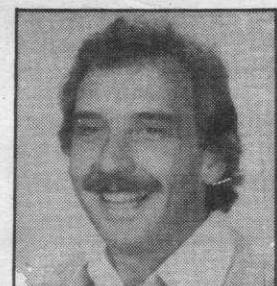


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New view on abortion issue provided by 'yet-to-be-born'

By ANDREW GIBSON

The saying that "whoever pays the piper calls the tune" is never more honoured in the breach than in the matter of human reproduction. The woman goes through nine months of disruption and discomfort, with an agonizing and sometimes dangerous climax. Only then, if she has been lucky in her choice of a mate, will the father be somewhat inconvenienced. If she has been unlucky, her travail may just be beginning.

It would seem to be a subject of which only women can have innate understanding, yet the tune-callers' names that spring to mind are currently, as in the past, masculine — Reagan, Mazenkowski, Carter, Borowski, Vander Zalm. Since these uncelestial rush in where male angels would fear to tread, I will venture to tiptoe in behind them.

It is unfortunate that we are allowing the issues to be defined by those who insist that there are simple answers — their answers — to complex problems. But is there any real doubt that after the picketing and burning in effigy and hateful inflammatory rhetoric, after all of the arguments about how many lives can dance on the head of a pin, after all of the silly talk about Homes for Wayward Girls, after the preposterous statements (by men) that these feckless women view abortion as a dandy method of birth control, after all of the unnecessary heartaches and hardships of those caught up in this unseemly quarrel, a solution will eventually be found permitting an early and hassle-free decision by the mother about whether or not it is responsible to continue a pregnancy?

The terms *pro-life* and *pro-choice* don't adequately describe what the majority of Canadians think about abortion. Most are outraged by the thought of the deliberate termination of a late-term normal pregnancy, but they are also outraged by the roadblocks now being strewn before some women (the poor ones) in the earliest stages of unwanted pregnancies. The women themselves are not for much longer going to endure being led up to pedestals so that they can be the more easily stoned.

So there are three positions about the subject — *pro-life*, *pro-choice*, and a third one not defined by either label. Is there not perhaps a fourth? We don't know, we can't know, how life and soul are breathed into our inert human clay. Perhaps there is some limbo out there beyond space and time, where souls await assignment here on earth. Perhaps they talk about their chances here. Could they say something like this ... ?

(Soul) No. 1: Let's see — it's 1988 on earth. I haven't been in the line-up for there since the Black Plague.

How are things going?

No. 2: Not great. They're still fighting like mad, but even so reproduction is nearly out of control.

No. 1: I've noticed — the dispatchers can hardly keep up. So how are they coping?

No. 2: Seems their right hands are working against their left hands. They've got what they call a green revolution going, but they're making deserts in other places. So they get famines AND a high birth rate.

No. 3: That's bad news. Say, where are we bound this time? I just got here.

No. 2: Canada. It's got its problems, though.

'It would seem to be a subject of which only women can have innate understanding....'

No. 1: How do you mean?

No. 2: Well, I hear it's going backward, along with the rest of the continent. It's splitting into the very rich, a big affluent middle class, and at the bottom a sub-class that finds it hard to get a living wage or to get a good diet or a good education for its children.

No. 3: You got any specifics?

No. 2: I was looking at the reports about a squad that went to the west coast. Two came back, the other four stayed.

No. 3: Tell us about it.

No. 2: Two of them drew a family in West Vancouver — a young couple, professionals, planning a small family. They were delighted with twins. One went to a mother in East Vancouver. She already has four children, her husband just lost his job, her rent has gone up.

She already has to use a food bank, and the other day one of the kids said something about getting reported for having to take food from the school. This is a disaster for her. The last one went to a young girl who got sweet-talked, then abandoned. She wouldn't believe it, then a hospital committee dragged its feet. It's too late now, so she's trying to keep her chin up, but she's pretty panicky. Maybe she'll be OK.

No. 1: How about the ones that came back?

No. 2: One was assigned to a deformed fetus — lucky it happened when it did, or he'd have had to stay. The other was a crib death.

No. 3: Maybe we'll be lucky. It seems to me we've got three hurdles. We need to get a reasonable mind and body, and have them looked after. We need to be given a fair chance in whatever society we're in, and we need to be wanted. Which is the most important?

No. 1: The third. It's better to be welcomed in the Congo than to be unwelcome in Kamloops.

No's 2 and 3: Right on.

We may have been made in the image of God, but we got this way via His lesser creations, so our reproduction is a carryover from what was needed by our disease-prone, endangered and short-lived ancestors. So, whatever pronouncements are thundered from some pulpits (or in B.C. by politicians), there must be an accommodation with the facts of fecundity. If it is a sacrilege to tardily and frivolously terminate life, as it is, then it is also a sacrilege for a society to insist, in the early stages of a pregnancy, that a child be born to be unwanted, or liable to abuse, or to not have, for whatever reason, a fair crack at a happy life.

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Job creation plan finding few takers

VICTORIA — You can't really blame Howard Lloyd for believing that history does, indeed, repeat itself.

A few years ago, Lloyd came to Victoria to talk to then-premier Bill Bennett on behalf of the Central Interior Logging Association, but Bennett refused to meet with him. Last week, Premier Bill Vander Zalm pulled the same trick on him.

"It'll be at least three weeks before the premier can see you," Vander Zalm's secretary informed Lloyd.

Who the heck is Lloyd, anyway, to demand an audience with the premier? After all, the man is pretty busy these days, defending his abortion policy to an increasingly hostile opposition.

Well, Lloyd is not only a Sacred supporter from way back; he also was the Social Credit MLA for what was then called Fort George (now Prince George North and South) between 1975 and 1979. What's more important, Lloyd has an idea that could put a lot of people to work. Ideas, however, do not seem to be in demand at this time.

Lloyd was wandering through the corridors of the Legislative Buildings, all steamed up about fickle politicians who wouldn't recognize a good idea if they found it in their cereal bowl, when I ran into him.

"If we can't find jobs for 30,000 people in an area as big as Washington, Oregon and Idaho put together, an area with a total population of less than 250,000, there's something wrong," Lloyd

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site. It says that should be no problem, considering the province bought another former radar station near Kamloops for \$5.5 million to accommodate 40 juvenile offenders in a minimum-security institution.

The only additional investment, according to Lloyd, would be the upgrading of the old heating system which now swallows about \$150,000 in oil alone each year. Lloyd says the association wants to convert the heating system to use wood waste for fuel.

In terms of jobs, the proposal would eventually put up to 8,000 people to work. The association says that the economic spinoff effects of that many jobs would reduce unemployment in the area to virtually zero.

According to Lloyd, the only stumbling block seems to be a provincial government which vacillates on the question of silviculture. "I mean, either we are committed to the idea of silviculture or we let things deteriorate further," he says.

Lloyd believes that once the students have been thoroughly trained in all facets of silviculture, they'll be hired by the private sector. He says it's a golden opportunity to reduce unemployment and welfare rolls and give people a chance to contribute to society.

So what's the problem? Lloyd has no idea. Just a few months ago, a number of provincial cabinet ministers were all fired up by the proposal. Forest Minister Dave Parker liked it; so did Environment Minister Bruce Strachan who is the "minister of state" for the area. Now nobody wants to talk to Howard anymore.

The same goes for the federal government. Last December, the association was given to understand that it had come up with an excellent plan that could be used anywhere in Canada. Funding was supposed to be no problem. Now the government can't find the money.

Small wonder Lloyd is angry. Small wonder he believes the whole province is going to hell in a hand basket.

Well, Howard, that's what happens when dilettantes are put in charge. The people who are supposed to represent our interests in Victoria haven't got time to deal with trivialities such as the economy and proposals like yours when they have to give their undivided attention to the abortion issue.

You could, of course, remember that next time someone asks you to vote for a smile.

'...the man is pretty busy these days, defending his abortion policy....'

fumed. "What's the matter with these people?"

"Woa, back up, Howard. Suppose we have a cup of coffee, and you tell me all about it?" After listening to his story, I agreed he had good reason to be exasperated. Here it is in a nutshell.

The Central Interior Logging Association wants to establish a silviculture training centre at the former Baldy Hughes radar station, 27 miles south of Prince George. The association could train up to 200 people at a time. The course would stretch over 50 or 60 days and instruct students in all phases of silviculture.

The plan would draw on the area's unemployed for student enrolment. The association believes federal funding would be available to pay students during their training period. The money would be saved on unemployment insurance payments.

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Teething

Sir,

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Other business dealt with saw a \$132 shortfall in rental fees made up. Rainfall caused a couple of Saturdays of poor vending during 1987. This brings to \$2,200 the association handed over to Parks and Recreation in 1987. Members discussed the long-awaited expansion of the Saturday public market; 1988 will see the vehicular vendors move along the west side of the park, and stall holders remaining in the front of the new-look park.

The association is confident that the expansion of Western Canada's most sought-out, outdoor market will be accomplished with a minimum of teething problems and expect a bumper year for the trade.

We would like to thank the public for their support in 1987 and hope to see all of you again during the 1988 season.

SALT SPRING ISLAND MARKET ASSOCIATION.

New plans

Sir,

I went to a lively meeting of enthusiastic people and found that the pool society is alive and well.

New plans are evolving on a smaller scale; we welcome your alternative ideas.

Please come to the next meeting. We will have speakers of interest, at the elementary school on March 22 at 7:30 pm.

Tell us what you want, and get in the swim!

JIM SINCLAIR,
Ganges.

Clarify

Sir,

In reply to enquiries, the Director General of the Ship Safety Branch of the Department of Transport made the following points in regard to foreign vessels using bays of the Gulf Islands for the discharge of cargo and as waiting areas at anchor:

- there are no restrictions to anchoring in Plumper Sound (or presumably in other areas not specified closed as anchorages);
- there are no regulations prohibiting discharge of sewage;
- the traffic management system is operated on a voluntary basis in Canadian West Coast waters; and

• cargo discharge into lighters is permissible from ships anchored in bays and inlets. Discharge of pollutants into the sea is prohibited. Persons suffering property damage from such operations would have to initiate action through normal civil liability channels.

The enquiries were made to clarify the situation in Plumper Sound, which is a waiting area for vessels destined for official harbours.

SYBIL WILLSON,
Pender Island.

Childhood

Sir,

Many people believe that young children are better developed and more advanced than those of an earlier era because mass media and global transportation have broadened their horizons. Careful observation reveals this sophistication to be only skin-deep.

Studies have been done which show that imposing formal, academic skills on children when they are too young can often hinder their ability and desire to learn.

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To the Peoples of the World Peace

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BANNING NUCLEAR WEAPONS, prohibiting the use of poison gases, or outlawing germ warfare will not remove the root causes of war. However important such practical measures obviously are as elements of the peace process, they are in themselves too superficial to exert enduring influence. Peoples are ingenious enough to invent yet other forms of warfare, and to use food, raw materials, finance, industrial power, ideology, and terrorism to subvert one another in an endless quest for supremacy and dominion. Nor can the present massive dislocation in the affairs of humanity be resolved through the settlement of specific conflicts or disagreements among nations. A genuine universal framework must be adopted. Certainly, there is no lack of recognition by national leaders of the world-wide character of the problem, which is self-evident in the mounting issues that confront them daily. And there are the accumulating studies and solutions proposed by many concerned and enlightened groups as well as by agencies of the United Nations, to remove any possibility of ignorance as to the challenging requirements to be met. There is, however, a paralysis of will; and it is this that must be carefully examined and resolutely dealt with. This paralysis is rooted, as we have stated, in a deep-seated conviction of the inevitable quarrelsomeness of mankind, which has led to the reluctance to entertain the possibility of subordinating national self-interest to the requirements of world order, and in an unwillingness to face courageously the far-reaching implications of establishing a united world authority. It is also traceable to the incapacity of largely ignorant and subjugated masses to articulate their desire for a new order in which they can live in peace, harmony and prosperity with all humanity.

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My interest in the subject stems from 22 years of teaching young children.

I feel it is unfortunate that some well-intentioned parents feel influenced to begin academic work with their children before the children are developmentally ready.

The best preparation for young children is to let them live fully at whatever level they are at, so they will be ready and eager to go on to

the next stage of development prepared to cope with the tasks and opportunities awaiting them. We must try to offer each child stimulation and interest within an emotional climate of love and support, encouraging them to explore, test and understand that which is reality to them.

Play is so important and is a child's way of experimenting. If he is required to conform too much and too soon to adult molds, he

will miss the joy and particular learning experience that only play activities offer.

In this day and age they will be adults and senior citizens a long time. Let us not rush them through their childhood years.

Let us help each child to feel that he is a necessary, contributing member of his family.

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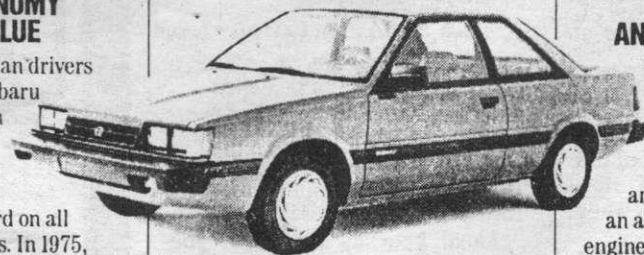
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Sir,
We hear that logging is no longer "poplar". Oops, sorry about that. Maybe you should get Paul Watson or some other bozo to help you, have a muffin sale and buy some of your own land — then you will have bought the right to have a bigger say in the world. Don't be surprised if no one listens.

Progress continues, population grows, demand for services increases — and all the little communities run with their hands out to the central government to get more money to improve social conditions. Doesn't it seem a little greedy that we want all the things society brings us, but we think we are so special here that we want to hog it all for ourselves?

The only way we'll ever see any big benefits coming to this community is through encouragement of growth. And the people who make growth possible are the bravest ones — the little guy who is willing to risk his investment in hopes of making a profit. He doesn't want to work for a wage and is willing to invest in proportion to the amount of profit he expects to receive. Conversely, if you don't invest and opt to work for a wage, it negates the chance for extra profit — but it's the individual's choice.

Housing is not new. In fact, what we are talking about on the hottest property in town — Harbour View Farms' Stewart Road estates — is not merely housing, but an upper middle class, international retirement estate, for which there is increasing demand as the wealthy retire and look to

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move to a more relaxing lifestyle. Yes, they will be rich and they will pay higher taxes than most, spend more money than most and, I'd bet, complain a lot less. For my money, I'd get rid of all the crybabies who don't want to share their world and replace them with straighter-thinking, more-affluent types.

Over the next couple of decades, we will all see changes coming to Salt Spring. We cannot stop this thing called progress, nor should we try. Rather, we need to steer a course which neither puts the ship on the rocks nor takes us too far out to sea. We can all benefit by continuing to foster growth.

We are safe on Salt Spring as far as woods and greenspace goes. Most of us own some of it, and there seems plenty left to enjoy. There are some good areas, privately-owned, which will be subdivided so more people, like ourselves, can enjoy being here. These potential growth areas will, if properly managed, return to the community much more than an increased tax base. We can look forward to more government money as the community grows.

So, do we want to attract people who are "better off," or do we want to pack this place with moochy welfare cases and the chronically unemployed, because we are sympathetic? I say go for it, all the way — hooray for Murray, he shows common sense

More letters, B11

and vision. He is a leader among sheep.

Are we going to support some prejudicial and biased clown who suggests we all ask permission to live our lives in a democracy, or are we going to be sensible and let others go in peace, even if we hate what they do? This Trust bunch cannot lead us to a happier future; we need a good mayor.

And if elected I promise to provide free Kleenex to all the crybabies who would be so selfish, criticizing a man of our times for making his business a success (he'd be a laughingstock if he fell on his face) while they attempt to exclude the rest of the world from here — while, at the same time, demanding improved services paid for by federal and provincial dollars supported by all working men and women.
ANDREW CLARKE,
Ganges.

P.S. I came from the city to get away from regulations, stop lights, low-life creeps and buses. We are a great community with a perfect chance to work together and create Salt Spring from an infant to a growing teenager and, finally — maybe 50 years down the line — a beautiful, mature adult, alive with people from all around the world bringing us the richer culture and technological benefits we all seek, while still trying to stay free.

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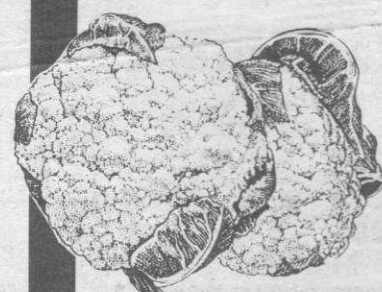
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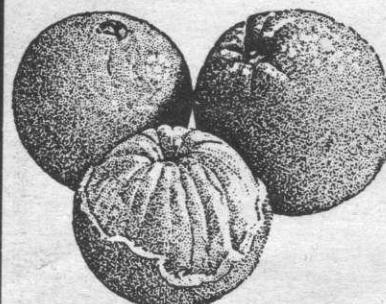
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The Community Arts Council (CAC) is preparing to launch its fourth version of *Showcase*.

The annual exhibition of the best examples of local arts and crafts — i.e., anything from painting to weaving — is scheduled this year for March 26 to April 4.

Staged in Mahon Hall in Ganges, *Showcase* will open with a wine and cheese reception on the

Showcase preparations set

evening of March 26, then run daily from 10 am to 4 pm.

Organizers have yet to tabulate the number of submissions for this year's show, but past versions have attracted an average of about 200 entries. From that field, the jury selects between 60

and 70 pieces for display in *Showcase*.

Jurors for this year's event are all from Victoria: Bernardo Raffo from the Winchester Gallery, Ramona Froehle Schacht from Out of Hand, and a representative from the North Park Gallery.

CAC member Mary Koroscil said the role of the jurors is to choose for display the works having the most merit according to technical and artistic guidelines.

"*Showcase* is a non-commercial event where the standard is high quality, not

necessarily quality that sells," she said. "By comparison, *Artcraft* (the CAC's annual summer-long sale of local arts and crafts) is a commercial venture and a commercial outlet."

Koroscil noted that in the past, *Showcase* has not carried a heavy representation of works by the islands craftspeople. This year, she's issuing a call to those people to participate in the show.

Critical thinking

Commitment to arts needed

By GARY CHERNEFF

From recent reports in this paper, most readers will be aware that School District 64 is sponsoring an arts festival between mid-March and mid-April — an effort which deserves praise and recognition.

But one should not be deluded into believing that education administrators have suddenly found religion and have seen the value of art education in an innovative modern society. This event could be construed to be a smoke-screen, whether deliberate or not, which conceals a rather insubstantial commitment to art education in our schools.

Let's be clear here, and fair, too. Many teachers do their best to integrate "artistic activities" into their school programs. These activities usually consist of art production which is theme-oriented, illustrative, or supportive of "more essential fields of study." The cultural enrichment afternoons appear to be exceptions.

Rarely do we see art studied as a subject area in itself, and we seem to be seeing fewer and fewer art specialists in the schools. The disconcerting fact is that most educators have been trained in a system that sees art as a recreational, leisure-time activity, not as a vital sustaining force which teaches skills of creative problem solving which become transferable to any discipline.

Of course, we in Canada are not alone in our neglect. Like good doggies, we've followed along behind our big brother south of the border. The socialist countries have dismal records in creative problem-solving but in Western Europe, the long-standing respect and understanding of contemporary and historical cultural activities has most certainly aided that region in setting new design standards in consumer products.

artseen

by gary cherneff

Japan, too, with its rich cultural roots but regimented education system, is now attempting to teach creativity to its children and its workers. As consumers, we no longer look to the USA for the best; we now automatically think of Sweden, Japan, Germany and Italy.

'Many teachers do their best to integrate artistic activities into their school programs.'

Yes, of course there is fine design and fine art in the U.S. But how is it that a rich, dynamic country of over 200 million so frequently gets upstaged by lesser lights? It is a question that is being asked more and more frequently in that country by industrialists who are being forced to play catch-up in the world economy.

What would be the effect of introducing a new, required

program of studies called, perhaps, foundations of innovation? It might consist of an historical and contextual study of creative products and processes of artists around the world, a critical appraisal of the successes and failures of contemporary and historical art experiments, and an evaluation of how and why we as individuals and as a culture respond and appreciate design in predictable ways.

The names for these studies are Art History, Art Criticism and Aesthetics. Together with Art Production, they constitute a new spearhead in the teaching of creativity called "discipline-based art education."

The strength of this approach is that it encourages creativity as a full partner in problem-solving, along with knowledge of discipline-based skills and information. We need information; we also need to put it to work in the most effective way, not merely the way it was done yesterday. We owe much to tradition but we live in rapidly changing times which require skills of innovation.

These skills need to be learned, and the most fertile ground of creativity is in the arts. Until we begin to take them seriously we as a culture will not be leaders but followers, feeding our resources to societies who, through necessity or tradition, have suckled creativity to maturity.

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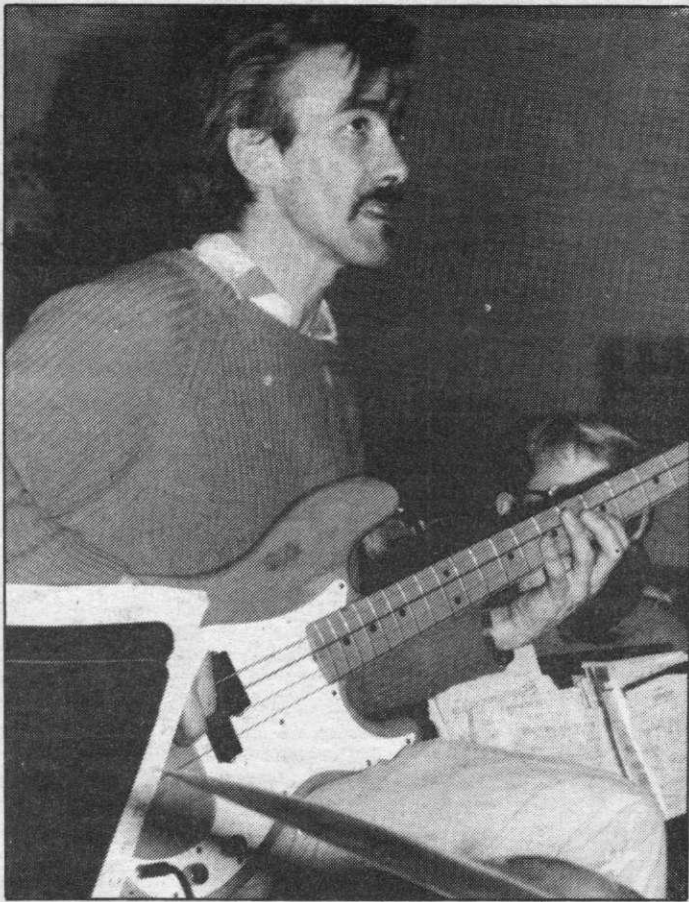
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Music director Dwaine Prosk joined the high school band in rehearsals last week for upcoming production of *Salute the Century*. The performance — a celebration of 87 years of music and dance — is scheduled for Saturday, March 12, in the high school gym. Prior to the entertainment, an option spaghetti dinner will be served. Admission is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children under 12 for the dinner and show. For the show only, cost is \$3 per adult, \$1 per child. Tickets can be obtained at *et cetera*, the General Store and high school office.

Day of dancing slated to support Strauss Foundation endeavours

The Empress Hotel in Victoria will again feature sounds of Vienna and ballroom dancing as the second annual Johann Strauss Tea Dance gets underway April 17.

Like last year's event, the Tea Dance will present the music of Leighton Noble and his 18-piece orchestra. Strings will enhance portrayals of Viennese melodies and a variety of ballroom dances, catering to different tastes and skills. The use of dance cards will again be incorporated.

Johann Strauss Foundation president Dr. Joseph Kandler, who, like many Foundation members, lives on Salt Spring, described last year's event as an outstanding success.

"It is a great party and it was as enjoyed by everyone attending," he said.

The Tea Dance begins at 3 pm with a "get-acquainted hour" where guests are able to meet and invite partners for their dance card. Entertainment throughout this period will be provided by young musicians of the Greater Victoria Youth Orchestra.

Two hours of dancing commence at 4 pm, followed by dinner at 6 pm, and a further hour of dancing beginning at 7 pm. Strolling musicians will entertain during the dinner hour.

Admittance to the event is through invitation only. Islanders

interested in receiving an invitation should contact Kandler at 537-2559. Tables will be arranged in groups of six and special hotel rates will be available for overnight guest. Attendance is limited to 165 guests, in order to provide adequate dancing space.

The British Columbia branch of the Johann Strauss Foundation was established three years ago to commemorate the Viennese composer and to recognize the universal appeal of his music.

The Foundation's principal objective is to encourage and support musical education in the province. Its aims are accomplished through a variety of methods, including scholarships for young musicians to study in Austria. The Foundation also aims to give moral and financial assistance through sponsorship of musical endeavours, such as master classes by visiting Austrian teachers, and musical events like recitals.

The Johann Strauss Foundation

of Edmonton — a sister organization to the local branch — celebrated 10 years of life in 1985. During that period it provided 32 scholarships and several sponsorships, and organized annual recitals by former scholarship winners.

The local Foundation recently held a scholarship audition. However, no candidates met the requirements. Applicants are evaluated on the basis of their performance, past artistic achievements, professional intentions, nature and length of proposed study in Austria, and financial need.

The Foundation is empowered to receive property through donation, gift, legacy, sponsorship, grant or bequest. Because the organization is registered as a charitable one, contributions are tax-deductible.

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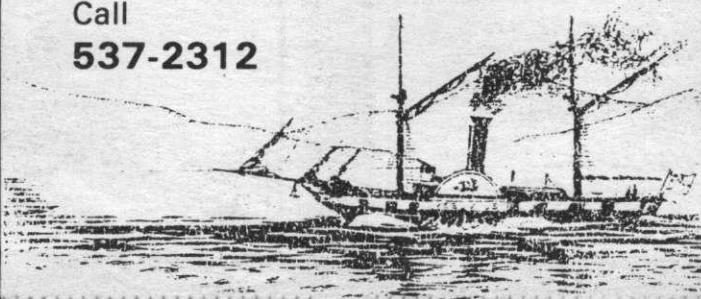
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Trust calls for authority to set budget

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but not willing to pay for it, that's too bad," he said.

Several trustees noted that during public hearings conducted last summer by an all-party committee of the provincial legislature reviewing the Trust, islanders expressed support for higher taxes to fund the body.

"I don't think there's any question the public will pay for what they're demanding of us," Hornby trustee Bob Gee said.

Trust chairman Nick Gilbert told the council he estimated a two-fold increase in local tax levies would be needed to give a financially-autonomous Trust the same level of funding as is now supplied by taxes and municipal affairs ministry support. A three-fold increase in the local levy — from \$17 per \$100,000 of assessed value, to \$51 — would likely be needed to provide the increased level of staff and services the Trust believes its constituents desire, he added.

Trustees agreed that some degree of provincial government funding should still find its way into the Trust budget. They noted that the Trust mandate requires the body to consider the broader provincial interest in its decision-making process, which they interpreted to mean that Victoria should contribute to the cost of maintaining that perspective.

Trustees also noted that the Trust should be given access to the same grants now made available by municipal affairs to municipalities and regional districts. Those grants help to cover the cost of restructuring, and of planning services. The Trust staff was advised to investigate the types of grants now provided by the ministry.

Trustees endorse revised Trust Act

The request by the Islands Trust for fiscal autonomy from the municipal affairs ministry is part of a new version of the Islands Trust Act it has drafted for presentation to the ministry.

The draft was prepared in the wake of a recommendation from an all-party committee of the provincial legislature that the Trust be reorganized along the lines of a regional district. That recommendation failed to win support from regional districts and was later rejected by the Trust itself.

When opposition surfaced to the recommendation, Municipal Affairs Minister Rita Johnston said she would receive submissions on the matter until the end of March, then decide the course of action the province would take.

In the meantime, the Trust called an emergency session in January to draft its response to the review committee's recommendations — a response that included a call for the Trust to be given full control over its staffing and budgetary requirements (including the raising of funds through increased local tax levies), and a request that the Islands Trust Act be amended to strengthen the Trust's role.

The new draft of the Trust Act prepared for trustees was presented at last weekend's council meeting on Hornby Island. The 11-page document outlines changes to the current administrative format and introduces legislative controls over such new functions as the Islands Trust Fund, along with the call for fiscal autonomy.

Trustees spent the equivalent of about one-half day debating the draft Act — and making some changes — before voting to have staff prepare a final version for submission to the ministry. With the draft will go a request that the ministry consider continuing "appropriate financial assistance" for the Trust as it is being reorganized along the lines outlined in the document.

Park watched

From Page A1

and assured him he would speak to the individuals driving the bulldozers.

Hume indicated there could be as much as 50,000 feet of park property bordering the land being developed by Cyprus.

Patrolling the area could prove difficult, he said.

The commission said it planned to meet Tuesday with a government official, to clarify what action it can take to protect the park, and to determine the ramifications for encroachment on parks.

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The Commissioner wishes to thank the persons in all areas of the Province who have submitted briefs. They have been well-prepared and contain excellent points of view pertaining to education. The Commissioner would appreciate receiving further valuable public input. The final deadline is Friday, April 1, 1988 for submitting written briefs, or making a verbal submission at a Public Hearing.

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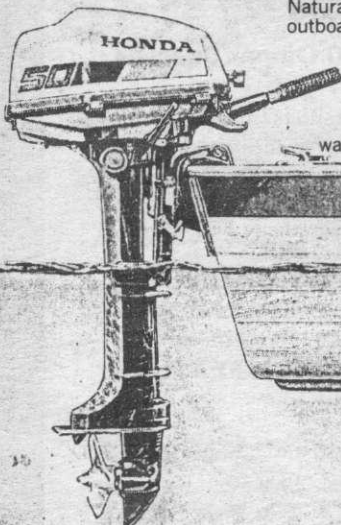


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Concern over staff levels helped prompt Trust calls

Concerns over staffing levels helped prompt an Islands Trust call for fiscal autonomy from the municipal affairs ministry.

The Trust, which operates with staff provided by municipal affairs, currently has 6.25 full-time-equivalent employees. The number is down from a high of 9.5 in the summer of 1985 and short of the 10 employees the Trust believes are needed to properly handle its current scope of work.

Not included in the current employee total are a planner and a technician provided by the ministry on a contract basis. Those contracts are due to expire at the end of March, and the Trust has been unable to win assurances that the positions will be retained in the following fiscal year.

The budget for Trust staff is \$162,000 per year — a figure that has remained unchanged for the past three years.

In debate over budget requirements at last weekend's council meeting on Hornby, Trust chairman Nick Gilbert said he has had to "beg for funds" for staff for

the past three years, and that the Trust "is getting strangled" by the low level of funding now provided for employees.

One week earlier, Gilbert told *Driftwood* the Trust was operating with less staff than it required, and that the pressure mounting on current employees was causing errors born of haste — mistakes that could impede the decision-making process, he said.

An example of Gilbert's concern arose last weekend on Hornby, when an applicant for an aquaculture operation threatened legal action over the Trust's rejection of his bid. A typographical error apparently made by a rushed Trust staff member is at the core of the dispute.

Trust manager Cynthia Hawksworth noted the error when she told last weekend's council meeting that the current workload on staff is causing mistakes to turn up in documents.

"There is a rush to get bylaws out," she said. "That's where most of the mistakes are being made."

Gilbert and Trust vice-chairmen Steven Wright and Carol Martin met last week with Municipal Affairs Minister Rita Johnston to discuss funding for staff. Gilbert told the weekend council meeting that the trustees requested a guarantee that the contract employees would be retained in the next fiscal year, and that failure to do so "would be disastrous, and make it impossible for us to do our job."

The minister, he continued, was asked to consider an increase in local tax levies to cover additional staffing costs. "She said her staff would analyze the request, but it would be delayed a year (if permitted) — it wouldn't come into effect until the following fiscal year."

The proposal to increase local tax levies in support of Trust operations was then carried over into the larger debate on the revised Islands Trust Act, which contains a clause giving the Trust authority to set its own budget and to levy taxes to meet that budget.

Helicopter grounding, jet purchase labelled indicative of B.C. priorities

By SUSAN DICKER

The government's failure to cover operating costs of Okanagan Helicopter's emergency aircraft service on the Gulf Islands, while paying out \$7.5 million for a private jet, is a "tragic exercise in irony," a New Democrat MLA charged last week.

Chris D'Arcy, MLA for Rossland-Trail and NDP provincial secretary critic, is calling for government funding to cover operating costs of the Sikorsky 76 chopper.

Okanagan Helicopters grounded the craft after deeming it uneconomical for the number of times it is used. Company spokesman Fred Moore said the problem is one of utilization: the company is not asking the government for funding — just that it use the service as it has in the past.

The twin-engine helicopter was put into use locally after changes in Canadian air regulations prohibited single-engined aircraft from making airlifts after dark.

At the same time the helicopter was grounded, the government announced a \$7.5 million payment to an American company for the purchase of a private Challenger jet.

"It's totally repugnant that the government is trying to put a nickel-and-dime face on the health and safety of British Columbians by dickering over sums of money far lower than what they've paid for the Challenger jet," D'Arcy said.

Loss of the helicopter service could mean the difference between "life and death for Gulf Island and Sunshine Coast patients" who rely on it, D'Arcy charged.

A Salt Spring company, however, said the outcry over loss of the service is over-exaggerating the importance of emergency airlifts in the Gulf Islands.

Wendy and Jack Hughes, operators of the local water taxi, are on call 24-hours to respond to emergency hospital transports.

"The response time is the same," Wendy Hughes said, adding that the hospital-to-hospital time is slightly longer by water taxi.

"When you move to the islands, you take a certain risk," she said. "I think it's a privilege to live here."

Each of the Hughes' water taxis is equipped with emergency devices. Their newest taxi has room for eight stretchers. The company is not subsidized in any way, and costs between \$150 and \$300 (depending on the waiting time), to answer an emergency call.

In comparison, the helicopter emergency airlift costs in the area of \$2,200 per hour, Hughes said.

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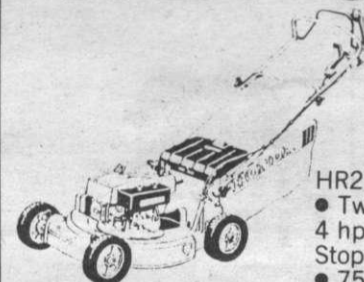
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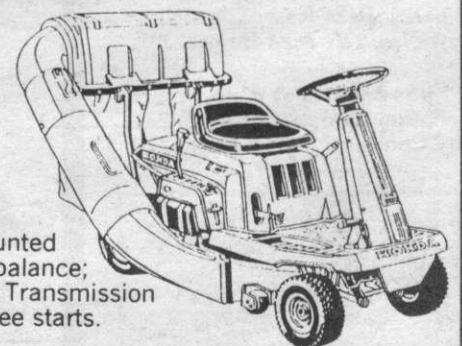
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Fledgling baseball league to field nine teams in May

The newly-formed Salt Spring Island Minor Baseball (hardball) Association has attracted enough youngsters to field nine teams in its first season.

The association signed up close to 130 youths at two registration sessions held on the past two Saturdays. Organizers say the number and breakdown of players will mean one Babe Ruth, four Little League and four T-ball teams will see action later this spring.

T-ball is for players aged five to seven years, Little League is for youths aged eight to 12 years, and Babe Ruth play is for those between the ages of 13 and 15 years.

Next step for the association is

to organize clinics for coaches and umpires, and to draw up schedules for each team. The association is aiming to launch play in early May and continue until the first part of July.

The fielding of only one Babe Ruth league team is not expected to pose problems. Association spokesman Mike Tyson said the team will compete against off-island squads, and talks are underway with the Victoria-area Babe Ruth league to involve the local team with sides from Sidney.

The association is headed by president Roger Chernenkoff and vice-president Roy Kinnear.

Preparations are underway for

another season of fastpitch softball on Salt Spring Island.

The island's softball association is sponsoring an organizational meeting for the men's league for the coming season. The purpose of the meeting — to be held March 17 in the Harbour House banquet room, beginning at 7:30 pm — will be to elect an executive and make plans for the new season, including arrangements for the opening tournament and the preparation of fields.

All interested players are urged to attend the meeting.

Last year, the fastpitch league fielded four teams — the Vesuvius Inn Volcanos, Fulford Inn Tsunamis, Salt Spring Log Sort and Patterson's Store.

down the gutter

Before we get to the high scores of the week, Gislaine Jauselon recently bowled three games with scores of 138, 138 and 138. It happens sometimes.

High scores for the week of February 29 were, for the ladies: Julie Bedford, 845 (245, 265, 335); Tash Hewitson, 703 (301, 168, 234).

For the men, high scores were: Ken Collins, 790 (262, 264, 264); 745 (251, 264, 230); Mike Reynolds, 789 (220, 261, 308); Darren Cottingham, 784 (331, 171, 282); Terry Jenkins, 778 (263, 264, 251); John Cottingham, 746 (239, 239, 268); Steve Marleau 735 (197, 307, 231).

Over 300: Julie Collins, 335; Darren Cottingham, 331; Mike Reynolds, 308; Steve Marleau, 307; Tash Hewitson, 301.

Pins over average: Clinton Helfrich, 205; Mike Reynolds, 177; Glen Hewitson, 157; Bunty Lees, 154; Dot Beech, 142; Tash Hewitson, 142; Reg Winstone, 141; Stella Vreim, 122; Irene Mostad, 109.

Golf ladies: Connie Hardy, 267, 233; Doris Beach, 229; Dorothy Graham, 207. Over 600: Connie Hardy, 653.

GOLDEN AGE

Monday afternoon: Dorothy Armstrong, 236; Margaret Baker, 232, 222; Babs Ross, 224; George Reynolds, 220; Jean Haines, 201.

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Over 600: Vic Dodds, 688; Margaret Baker, 626; Gene Graham, 606; Reg Winstone, 600.

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Peewees: Corry Schwagly, 112; Jessica Hamilton, 83; Andrew Rainsford, 128; Michael Reynolds, 111; Tom Langdon, 109.

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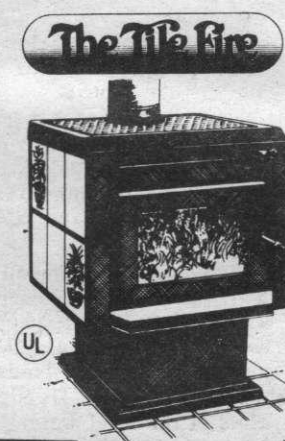
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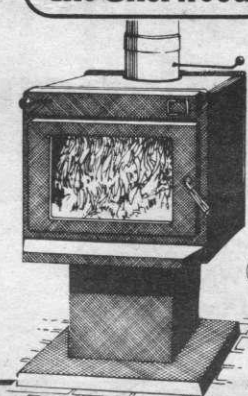
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In District Cup play

Lethargic Selects outplayed in 2-1 loss to Prospect Lake

Salt Spring Selects 1,
Prospect Lake 2.

By MALCOLM LEGG

Selects' fans were in mourning after the local side dropped a 2-1 decision to Prospect Lake in District Cup action last Sunday.

As one disappointed fan suggested after the game, it was like attending a funeral — one that saw a dead soccer team laid to rest. Certainly, that reflection of the game summed up the comatose effort displayed by the Selects.

The game marked the first time since Christmas that the Selects were able to field a full, healthy squad. The team appeared ready to play and full of confidence.

Their confidence took a severe blow as the game went wrong right from the start, however. Five minutes into the game, a miscue between a Selects defender and his goalie allowed a Prospect player to walk in and score.

Rather than spurring into action, the Selects resorted to playing more like the living dead, showing no hustle and little desire to work for the win.

Finally, after several line-up changes, the Selects showed some life as Ben Berry and Corbin Scott combined to set up Charlie Hume for the equalizer, on a fine three-way passing play.

In the second half the Selects poured on the pressure, looking for the go-ahead goal, but Prospect Lake hung on for dear life and resorted to physical play to stop the Selects attack.

Unfortunately, the Selects lowered themselves to their opponents' level, and instead of retaining their pressure they became embroiled in the physical aspects of the game. With their concentration distracted, they allowed Prospect Lake to slip in the go-ahead goal, leaving the Selects in shock.

To complete the catastrophe the local side returned to the comatose state and played the remainder of the game at the pace of a funeral procession.

The final nail in the coffin came in the dying minutes, as Andrew Aust was hauled down in the penalty area, only to have the referee ignore the foul and allow Prospect Lake to escape with the win.

With the loss, the Selects were eliminated from Cup play, missing the final for the first time. The boys have had a good season, as they finished in second place in the Division 1B standings, and with any luck will return from the dead to compete in the Cowichan and Salt Spring Tournaments.

bridge report

Gulf Islands Bridge Club winners on February 29 were: Gordon Hutton and Fred Struve, Isabelle Richardson and Dorothy Crofton; Patti-May Lawson and Conhor Hunt; Marion Ashmore and Vivian Storr; Fran and Dick Tipple; Sue Bradford and Norm McConnell.

Tuesday night winners were:

- (North-South) Dawny Scarfe and Don Nemeth; Lorna and Peter Pentz; Dorothy Crofton and Helen Shandro.
- (East-West) Anne and Norm McConnell; Noel Fowles and Mike Testart; Tom David and Peter Jacquest.

Islanders record 1-0 victory to stay in hunt for district cup

By JOSH BYRON

The Salt Spring Islanders recorded their second win in District Cup play with a 1-0 win over Sooke Spartans Sunday afternoon at Portlock Park.

The win sends the Islanders into the semi-finals.

At the opening whistle Sooke applied pressure on goal and, by the 10-minute mark, the game had opened up and both teams had many scoring opportunities.

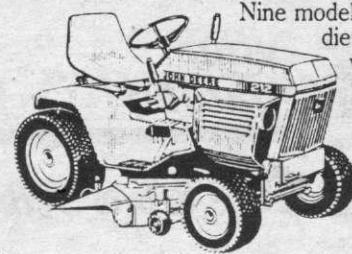
In the last 10 minutes of the half, the Islanders were rewarded with an indirect free kick from the centre line. Malcolm Fiander kicked the ball up the wing, where Chris Collette directed the ball to the centre half back, Josh Byron.

Byron shot from 25 yards out and the ball sailed in just under the crossbar.

The second half began with both teams pushing for the next goal. Some brilliant saves by goalie Justin Byron kept the Islanders in the game. Forwards Tyler Watson, Beau Gaddis, Grent Schwagly and Chris Collette were on their toes, intimidating the Sooke goaltender.

Clint Helfrich, Niel Kerrigan and Josh Byron had a solid defensive game, as well as an offensive game. The defense of Morgan Cuddy, David Koski, Kemal Morris, Peter Erickson and Malcolm Fiander was always alert, foiling many Sooke scoring opportunities.

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March 10-16	SALT SPRING ELEM. SCHOOL	Primary Children Enrichment Art Display	9 am-3:30 pm school days
March 12	G.I.S.S. GYMNASIUM	SALUTE THE MUSIC OF THE CENTURY	Dinner optional (\$8) 5:30 pm Show only (\$3) 7:00 pm (Children's rates)
March 10-16	SATURNA SCHOOL	Drama, Art Community participation	Check with school for times.
March 10-16	MAYNE ISLAND	Community Art Displays	Phone School for locations
March 16	FULFORD	Visit Music Classes in Session	11 am-3 pm All Welcome
March 14 & 16	FERNWOOD	Open House (afternoons) Enrichment Programme	1 pm to 2 pm All Welcome
March 10-16	G.I.S.S.	Senior Art Display in Board room	9 am-3 pm

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English laurel gives tallest hedge in short time

With all of this fine spring weather we've been enjoying, many of us try to be out of doors as much as possible. With the lengthening days, gardening time is increasing and everything is starting to grow. This weekend we sowed out the first peas, radishes and — taking a chance — lettuce. The leeks and bunching onions also went in, and over top of the whole box bed a protective cover of Reemay cloth went on to keep in heat and to keep out inquisitive deer and cats (interested in other gardening activities).

It seems as if the hedging topic has been drawn out for quite some time but, in order to do it justice, a completion of the list of suitable plant choices will occupy the first part of this article.

While many of our hedges are needed evergreens, some of the best choices for our mild West Coast climate are true classics. The broad-leaved evergreen laurels that work well here include: English laurel (*Prunus laurocerasus*), with its large glossy green leaves carried on bright green stems; Portuguese laurel (*P. lusitanica*) with deeper green, smaller pointed leaves borne on reddish petioles and stems; and for lower hedges or even ground cover mass plantings there are the Russian laurels, *shippkaensis* and *zabelliana*.

For the tallest hedge in the shortest time, the English laurel is favoured, while for more colour and a denser form, the Portuguese laurel works better. They will do well in partial sun or full sun, and are relatively deer-proof. While they take shearing well, the residual, partial leaves brown at the edges, so it is best to prune each stem individually, just above an outward-facing bud. An interesting note is that all of these hedging laurels produce fragrant blooms in spring.

Another classic hedge which only grows in this part of the country is the beautiful holly. English holly (*Ilex aquifolium*) and its cultivars and crosses grow to heights of 15 to 20 feet, make dense, formidable, generally deer-proof screens, and produce heavy crops of red berries for the festive season. They like water and sunny positions, but do quite well in half-sun situations and after they are established they will endure considerable drought. Hollies can be sheared and worked for almost any height hedge you desire, or can be left to develop into a loose, unkempt form.

While the species and seedling forms require both male and

your garden

by
Chris Schmah

female plants in order to produce berries, many of the new crosses, especially the *San Jose* and *San Gabriel* varieties will produce their rich red berries without any pollen source.

In situations where a loose, feathery Japanese-effect garden is to be screened, bamboos do an admirable job. They move in the wind, grow quickly, eventually produce bamboo stakes for the garden and, outside of watering, they don't need much attention or pruning; pretty well an ideal plant.

'Live a little, and have some fun.'

For running types which might wish to travel and spread, a sheet-metal or concrete containment shield should be put in place before planting. They grow well in sun or partial shade, but in any spot they will need access to water in order to grow fast.

One final hedge type to consider for woodland or informal gardens are the taller forms of rhododendrons. A range of heights and colours may be used to provide screening. While they don't always make a dense hedge,

few shrubs will produce as beautiful a show of blooms and grow in such deep shade.

In areas where the hedge may take time to grow and the spacing leaves gaps, you can make it more effective in the short term by interplanting with tall growing perennials and annuals such as foxgloves, sunflowers, Jerusalem artichokes, etc. As the hedge grows you can extract the surplus or redundant plants, and all the time you will have enjoyed a fuller, more dense hedge.

For some situations there may not be enough depth or space in your garden to allow a full hedge; for example along narrow paths, side yards, and beside driveways. These are the places for erecting a fence or lath framework, and then planting vines and fast-growing cover to give a living screen. Algerian ivy, English ivy, arboreal forms of English ivy, Clematis armandii, and evergreen honeysuckle all make fast, year-round screens.

One final note on the subject of hedging and screening is that for many gardens and landscape styles, a mixed planting of deciduous and evergreen shrubs and trees will yield both privacy and beautiful successions of blooms, seasonal colour and the variations in form and texture we would all like to see more of. In short, don't be afraid to mix it up, and plant a selection of screening plants, as long as they will give you the effect you desire. Live a little, and have some fun.

There, now that we've laid the topic of hedging to rest, we can get a start on the timely chores for March. This is a good month for getting that lawn renovated,

improved or reworked, and for establishing new lawns, too. A good garden cleanup is in order, and then an application of lime on beds that require a higher pH. Start off your dahlia tubers this month, and check those begonias which should be underway soon, too. Get your roses pruned soon, and spray with lime sulphur. This is a good month for lifting and dividing your fall-blooming

perennials such as fall asters, michaelmas daisies, and chrysanthemums. Don't forget the bonemeal and some compost or aged manure.

Fork over your compost pile, apply some lime or Rot-It, keep it moistened down, and don't forget to feed it regularly. Well, there is more ground to cover, but for now, space has run out, so until next week, happy gardening.

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Student cited

A Salt Spring Island youth won first class honours in Royal Conservatory of Music piano examinations held recently in Victoria.

Sandeep Sandhu has been studying piano for three years, the last year under islander Chris Kodaly. First class honours indicate a score of 80 per cent or better on the exam.

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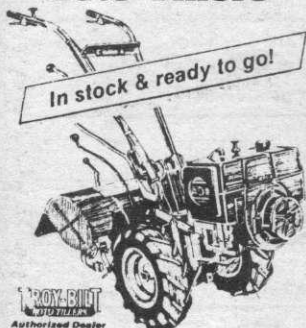
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Dog attack nets nine sheep

Salt Spring Animal Control Officer Howard Byron is looking for the two dogs that slaughtered seven of his lambs, plus two ewes, last Thursday night.

Byron reported the killings Monday with a warning to dog owners: any dog — from a Chihuahua up — is a menace when it comes to chasing deer or livestock. It is especially important at this time of year, Byron said, to keep dogs under control.

The incident at Byron's Beddis Road home took place somewhere between the hours of 12 midnight and 7 am.

"No one heard any noise," Byron said. He does not

have a "clue in the closet" as to the dogs' identities.

However, Byron says he knows from footprints at the scene that two animals were involved. He also believes the dogs were hungry, as several of the lambs were eaten. This is fairly unusual, he said.

Byron did not bury the carcasses right away, hoping the dogs would return — as they generally will — to the site. Unfortunately for Byron, they have not returned. Should Byron be able to identify the dogs, their owners would be liable for the monetary loss.

In two and one half months, Byron's lambs would have been five months old and worth \$120 each. Value of the ewes is estimated at a minimum of \$125 each.

Poor weather cancels kick-off

Poor weather last Saturday forced cancellation of the official launch of a drive to raise funds for the local Job-Trac program.

The launch was to have taken place between 10 am and noon at Centennial Park. Plans included provision of entertainment by local performers, and an information booth explaining the Job-Trac program and the need for the fund-raising drive.

The Job-Trac program, launched last fall with the aid of a \$226,000 grant from the provin-

cial government, is currently completing a list of 14 local improvement projects ranging from beautification of Centennial Park to upgrading at Stowell Lake. It employs 22 people.

When Salt Spring received provincial funding for the program, it did so on the understanding that a local contribution would also be needed. The current fund-raising drive has until the end of March to come up with approximately \$30,000 to meet that requirement. Another

\$34,000 in local donations has already been secured.

Meanwhile, the official kick-off for the drive has been rescheduled for Saturday, March 19, at Centennial Park in Ganges from 11 am to 3 pm.

In the interim, volunteers for the Centennial Society — the umbrella group organizing fundraising efforts — will be soliciting contributions from organizations, individuals and businesses.

Chamber plans 'satellite' booth in Fulford area

A "satellite" Chamber of Commerce office is being established in the Fulford Harbour area.

The Chamber of Commerce office in Ganges launched the venture by purchasing one of the Job-Trac tool sheds and moving it to a site on the parking lot of the Fulford Inn. The new office will be started up by Gerry Bourdin and Ray Simard.

Chamber president Jack Cherry said a strong factor in favour of the satellite office is the number of tourists who arrive at Fulford Harbour, then travel to Ganges to find that the spot they are seeking — i.e., Beaver Point park — is back south.

The Fulford office, which Cherry hopes will be open by Easter, will contain a full range of tourist information. Cherry said recruitment of volunteers to staff the office is underway. Anyone interested should contact the Chamber's Ganges office for information.



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NOTICE is hereby given that all persons who deem their interest in property affected by the following proposed bylaws will be afforded an opportunity to be heard on the matters contained therein at a Public Hearing to be held in the **HARBOUR HOUSE HOTEL, GANGES, B.C. on FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 1988, commencing at 1:30 PM.**

In general terms the intents of the following proposed bylaws are as follows:

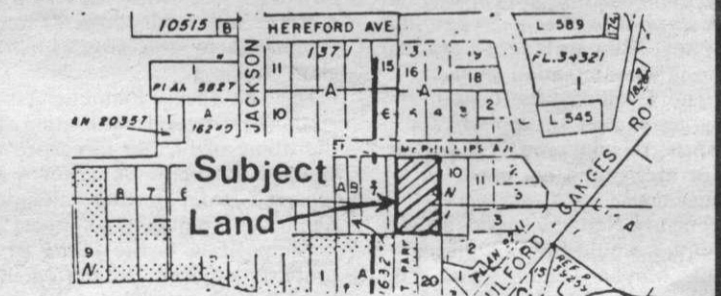
(a) Proposed Bylaw No. 202, cited as "Official Community Plan, Salt Spring Island, Amendment Bylaw No. 2, 1988", is a bylaw to amend Official Community Plan, Salt Spring Island, by adding a new policy relating to the location of off-street parking in Ganges.

(b) Proposed Bylaw No. 203, cited as "Official Community Plan, Salt Spring Island, Amendment Bylaw No. 3, 1988", is a bylaw to amend Official Community Plan, Salt Spring Island, by adding to the proposals for Ganges a new policy relating to the provision of a seawall within Ganges from Fulford-Ganges Road to the head of Ganges Harbour.

(c) Proposed Bylaw No. 204, cited as "Zoning Bylaw, Salt Spring Island, 1985, Amendment Bylaw No. 3, 1988", is a bylaw to amend Zoning Bylaw, Salt Spring Island, 1985, by making "parking" a use permitted in any zone, and by requiring that off-street parking to serve land within the Commercial 1 Zone (C1), Commercial 2 Zone (C2), Commercial 3 Zone (C3), and the Comprehensive Development Zone (CD) in Ganges as defined in a Plan attached to the Bylaw, be located not more than 12.1 metres (40 feet) from the rear property line. The area affected by the proposed bylaw is shown in the following sketch.



(d) Proposed Bylaw No. 205, cited as "Zoning Bylaw, Salt Spring Island, 1985, Amendment Bylaw No. 4, 1988", is a bylaw to amend Zoning Bylaw, Salt Spring Island, 1985, by changing the zoning classification of Lot 9 and Lot 8, Plan 3321, Section 1, Range 4 East, North Salt Spring Island, from the Residential 1 Zone (R1) and the Commercial 1 Zone (C1) respectively to the Comprehensive Development Zone (CD). The general location of the subject land is shown on the following sketch.



(e) Proposed Bylaw No. 206, cited as "Zoning Bylaw, Salt Spring Island, 1985, Amendment Bylaw No. 5, 1988", is a bylaw to amend Zoning Bylaw, Salt Spring Island, 1985, by changing the zoning classification of Lots 13, 14 and Parcel 'B', Block A, Plan 1371, Section 1, Ranges 3 and 4 East, North Salt Spring Island from the Residential 1 Zone (R1) to the Comprehensive Development Zone (CD). The general location of the subject land is shown on the following sketch.



A copy of the proposed bylaws may be inspected at the Islands Trust office, 747 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. between the hours of 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday inclusive, excluding statutory holidays.

For the convenience of the public only, and not to satisfy Section 957(2)(v) of the Municipal Act, an additional copy of the proposed bylaws may be inspected at the Capital Regional District Building Inspection Office, Salt Spring Island.

CYNTHIA HAWKSWORTH,
Manager

Local police remain "in the dark" about a fiery accident that occurred last week at the corner of Bittancourt and Fulford-Ganges roads.

Campbell River resident Cory Walker was admitted to Lady Minto Hospital after his Datsun pickup rolled and burst into flames at 11:45 pm on March 2.

Accident under investigation

The 19-year-old, who claims he was not driving the vehicle, suffered severe facial and head lacerations. He apparently escaped the truck before flames erupted.

Police do not know how the

accident occurred, and are continuing their investigation.

RCMP report an attempted break-and-enter into a vehicle parked at the Hastings House Hotel last week.

The culprits did not gain access when they attempted to pry open the doors of a 1987 Dodge Colt sometime during the night of March 2.

The vehicle sustained minor damage.

A driver who swerved to avoid hitting a dog caused over \$1,200 in damages, when he lost control of his vehicle and went off the road and into a stump.

The accident occurred as Cedar resident Eric Bertram drove along Fulford-Ganges Road, at 11:10 pm on March 4.

down through the years

Twenty-five years ago

• Between 50 and 80 people under the influence of old "Doc" Paterson's new health-giving elixir ("good for falling hair, falling arches, falling trees and falling down") gained entrance to the "Ponderosa" in Fernwood and had a "good old fashioned hoe-down."

• Story in *Driftwood* reads: "We know a man who recently declined to stand for nomination as chairman of a group, on the grounds he was hard of hearing. This prompted a crafty soul to re-nominate this man when his good ear was turned away. A whispered "second" was quickly followed by a "nominations closed" and the poor guy was in the chair before he could say Eh?"

• A farmers' market on Salt Spring was to be tried out on an experimental basis during the upcoming summer, the Farmers' Institute decided at its annual general meeting.

An old building on Institute property opposite Mahon Hall will be converted into a temporary market stand for the purpose.

Twenty years ago

• A polluted sea would spell the end of the road for the sea-girt Gulf Islands, a public hearing at Port Washington was warned.

The Pender Island Chamber of Commerce expressed objection to the discharge of raw sewage into the sea, citing its fear of a gradual rise in contamination levels.

• The familiar face behind the counter at Alec's Meat Market in Ganges disappeared as Alec Davidge exchanged his business for retirement.

Former Nanaimo resident Mel Topping would take his place.

• A Mayne Island water taxi operator had given up teaching ducks to swim.

Bob Sauerberg found a white Pekin duck in the salt water. Assuming it was a pet duck in trouble, he took it under his wing

and, back home, placed it in its natural fresh water environment. He waited for the owner to lay claim.

By the next morning, the duck had made its way into Miners Bay. The immediate vicinity was cleared of ducks: the militant Pekin had chased them all away. The duck was last spotted swimming out towards Trincomali Channel, all set to get those ducks out of there.

Fifteen years ago

• Adoption of community plans for the Gulf Islands took a further step backwards with an announcement by the minister of municipal affairs that the approved plans for Salt Spring and other islands were to be referred to the select committee on municipal matters.

The planning of the Gulf Islands would be examined by the committee before the minister took any action in confirming or adopting the community plans already prepared by islanders.

• Digging began at the Churchill Road property of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hill. When the Ganges couple decided to build a house on their waterfront property, they also elected to examine the ancient midden first. Amateur and professional archeologists took part in the process. By publication time, little of great consequence had been unearthed, although diggers were fascinated by the size of early clam shells.

• The Salt Spring Planning Association expressed opposition to the filling of further foreshore in Ganges Harbour. A letter was received from former member I.C. Shank, requesting support in his opposition to the filling of a property adjacent to the Mouat landfill at Ganges.

Ten years ago

• The flower box fund stood at \$849.89. The money had been

with driftwood

collected from Salt Spring residents and businesses, as well as from individuals from far away — i.e. California — to replace the wooden flower boxes in Centennial Park.

• The sabot sailors of Salt Spring Island took the top three places in a sabot race in Victoria. The event was the Inter-City Regatta held at Cadboro Bay. The next event for the island sabots would be the winter regatta on Elk Lake, at Easter.

• The Bishop of Victoria would visit the two Catholic churches on Salt Spring Island. Bishop Remi de Roo would hold a mass in Our Lady of Grace Church to confirm candidates from both the Fulford and Ganges parishes.

Five years ago

• A long-awaited grant had been extended to the community at Pender Island.

The old school at Pender had been given to the local Recreation and Agricultural Hall Association. Title to the school property — one-half hectare — had previously reverted to the ministry of lands, following the opening of the new school and community centre.

Finally, negotiations resulted in a Crown land grant to the Pender Island group. Value of the land is estimated at \$45,000.

• A beautification project was gaining momentum on Salt Spring Island. Both the local Chamber of Commerce and the Ganges Centre Association had struck committees to deal with the project.

The first major step in the project would see a general clean-up undertaken in Ganges. The work was to be completed by volunteers.

• Salt Spring Island's regional district director Yvette Valcourt withdrew from the Ganges sewer issue after the board rejected her slate of candidates for a citizen's committee, and accepted a proposed format from Pat Crofton.

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